

PIT MASQUERADES AS HEAVEN

ONLY THE WHEAT PIT, BUT YOU KNOW HOW BAD THAT IS.

The Imps Invite a Lot of Poor Children Down There, Lead Them With Dolls and Candy and Don't Show a Single Pair of Roller Skates to the Crippled.

The childhood below Canal street on this island—for every child knows it is an island—had a gorgeous circus yesterday and band playing and a good time generally at the Produce Exchange. Snobs and alumnus were barred out. It was for poor children only.

More than 2,000 little boys and girls from charitable organizations of all denominations, together with their mothers—such as have any—were the guests of the exchange as soon after 2 o'clock as they could get in and stayed until after 11, when the circus was wound up by a distribution of several tons of baskets corded up at one end of the big room. Each child got a basket all to itself. Tickets for admission to the festivities had been distributed days ago by priests, clergymen, sisters, Salvation armies, Volunteers and the officials of the Jewish free school for crippled children up at 157 Henry street. More than 200 little cripples were there, holding down the special benches of honor reserved for them on the "Wheat Side." Opposite, on the less favored "Flour Side," were several hundred of the smaller children from below Canal street. The very executive offices of the exchange had moved out for the band, which was a real band, not the tooth-and-tin-tin sort of thing which the Stock Exchange disgraced Christmas. And there in the middle, over the abyss where in is sold nothing less than cottonseed oil and all its by-products, was the whole paraphernalia of a first class circus in appropriate miniature.

The circus came after the overture, long before the distribution of the baskets. First there were dancing dogs who ran round baskets and things in spite of an adorable spotted clown, and all to the directions of a ring master whom for majestic the old Stock Exchange's drum major couldn't touch. Then there was a spry man in spite of his dinner coat who did remarkable things with his elbows, but who was constantly molested by another clown, also in dinner coat, with an opera hat which had been appropriated at once. Then there was a young family of acrobats whose sister wore scarlet clothes striped with gold and went through no end of cruel, beautiful contortions with a smile on her face. Her brothers, in spotted leopard skins, like the picture of Sandow in barber shops, jumped and leaped and did each other and showed their muscles until the old spotted clown came back and drove them out of the ring with a giraffe as spotted as himself. The giraffe, trapped on his stomach, which made noises like a fire wagon in the distance.

Next came a skinny jockey with solid gold shoes who danced with his charming sister, both on purple roller skates. They juggled nickel plated sofa cushions, dancing all the time. Gold wash bowls that whirl magically forever they tossed aloft and played with the ends of their little sticks and whip cords which cracked when they weren't twirling the wash-bowls. Crookery—whirling, drunken crookery—their had of the unbreakable kind, which danced all over a table. And if certain of the faster and more prosperous looking members of the exchange hadn't begun making the children cheer and pummeling each other's heads over at the rye or broom corn or nut or alfalfa sales ring just then the skaters might have kept right on tickling the children cheer all night. That sacrilegious racket drove them away, never to return. But the spelling pony and his mispelling command took their place, and he spelled (and misspelled) "cat," "rat," "bat," and all such good orthodox words.

And after everything was over and the children and the parents and the parsons and the lassies and all had clapped till their hands blistered the committee on entertainment, every one of whom looked as paternal as Santa himself, raided the cords of baskets and royalty and then away. For each boy two pounds of delicious candy—with nuts in mostly—six oranges and as many apples, one magnificent illuminated jack-in-the-box, some toys and a pair of brand new roller skates. For each girl the same except a superb doll, all dressed and a workbox in place of the jack-in-the-box. But not a single pair of roller skates was exhibited or even talked about in the face of the little cripples who had got their baskets first and were already reveling in colored hockey caps, drawing sets, neckties, games and other delights. Years ago (four) the Produce Exchange used to have a home for the blind, run by its own comical members, all in little imitation of the Stock Exchange. Nobody could go and nobody cared to. The question is who gave them the tip to do better. Not amalgamated charities or benevolence societies. Ask the kids if you really don't know yourself.

Gold Button for Col. Roosevelt.
Col. Roosevelt has been unanimously elected a member of the Associate Society of U. S. Grant Post, 327, G. A. R., in Brooklyn. At the Outlook office on Friday Commander William C. Peckham of Grant Post invested him with the gold button of membership. Col. Roosevelt has accepted an invitation of the Grant Post to deliver an oration at Grant's Tomb next Memorial Day.

Perkins-Saunders.
PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 31.—Miss Louise Saunders, daughter of William L. Saunders of Rockview avenue, and Maxwell Everts Perkins, son of the late Edward C. Perkins of this city and grandson of the late United States Senator William M. Everts, were married at noon today in the Church of the Holy Cross, in North Plainfield. The Rev. Prescott Everts of Cambridge, Mass., an uncle of the bridegroom, officiated, assisted by the Rev. George A. Warner, rector of the church.

The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Jean Saunders, her sister, and Miss Emily Leatrice Saunders of Philadelphia, a cousin. Walter G. Oakman, Jr., of New York city was the best man. The brides were William L. Saunders, 23rd of Philadelphia; Charles C. Perkins and Edward N. Perkins of this city, brothers of the bridegroom; and John B. Pierce of Boston.

On their return from a trip Mr. and Mrs. Perkins will occupy a home at Rockview avenue, a gift to the bride from her father.

McIndoe-Arkush.
The wedding of Miss Eda Arkush and Frank D. McIndoe was celebrated yesterday in St. Agnes's Chapel, in West Ninety-second street. The Rev. Dr. W. W. Ballinger, the rector, performed the ceremony at 12 o'clock and the bride was attended by Miss Annie L. McIndoe, sister of the bridegroom, as maid of honor. There were no bridesmaids. Ralph M. Arkush, the bride's father, assisted as best man, and William C. Arkush, George L. Haldeman, Victor Leoon and W. C. Grieve were ushers. Afterward Mrs. Ezekiel Arkush of 517 West 112th street, the bride's mother, gave a bridal breakfast. Mr. McIndoe is a son of Walter J. McIndoe of 749 St. Nicholas avenue.

Cotman-Howe.
PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 31.—Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson to-night gave in marriage his niece Miss Annie Wilson Howe at a wedding at the old First Presbyterian Church. Perrin Chiles Cotman of Greenwood, S. C., was the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin B. Warfield of the faculty of the Princeton Theological Seminary. Miss Eleanor Wilson, Dr. Wilson's daughter, was the maid of honor and had Harrison of North Carolina was best man. The bride has been living at Dr. Wilson's house since July. Mr. and Mrs. Cotman will live at Raleigh, N. C.

IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. French Vanderbilt passed Christmas at Harbor View, her place at Newport, where she entertained a holiday house party. She returned to her home here, 215 Madison avenue, where she gave a dinner on Thursday night for her niece, Miss Julia S. French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tuck French. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt entertained a party of friends at supper last night to welcome the New Year. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt gave a party at her home, 680 Fifth avenue, on Thursday evening, and on next Wednesday, January 4, will give an afternoon tea. Mrs. Vanderbilt entertained friends at supper last night. Alfred G. Vanderbilt made a brief visit during the week to his country place near Newport. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., will give one of the big dinners of next Friday night at her residence, 682 Fifth avenue, her guests going later to the costume ball at Sherry's.

The second of the Holland dances for this winter will be given at Delmonico's on next Friday night. The floor committee consists of J. B. C. Armstrong, R. M. Cleveland, Maurice Edgar, H. F. Hobbs, Jr., J. G. Jamison, H. B. M. Maclean, G. M. McIlroy, W. C. Morrill, H. H. Shannon and R. W. Tyler.

Numerous dinners will be given this week. On Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhinelanders will give one at their home, 36 West Fifty-second street. Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish of 25 East Seventy-eighth street will give one on January 5. Mrs. Ira Davenport of 31 East Thirtieth street will give one of the dinners of that night, as will Mrs. Samuel H. Valentine of 5 East Sixty-seventh street. On Friday night Jules Glanzer will give a dinner at Sherry's for Miss Lilla Gilbert, the guests going later to the costume ball for the Lying-In Hospital. Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs of 1 East Fifty-seventh street will give one of the big dinners at Sherry's to precede the ball. It will be a costume affair and of 250 covers. Mrs. Dorothy Whitney will also give a dinner there of forty covers. All of these will be particularly gay and pretty and will give an opportunity to see at close range the various costumes.

Sir Robert Harrington and Lady Harrington, who arrived yesterday from England, will pass some of the winter at the latter's mother, Mrs. James McMillan, in Washington.

Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. Reid and their daughter, Mrs. John Ward, are due to arrive here late in the week, having left England yesterday for this side. This is the first visit of Mrs. Reid to this side since her marriage. She is an expert whip and when the family resided here she was a member of the Ladies' Four-in-Hand Club. Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Ward after a short stay here are going on to California.

Stowe Phelps will lead at the second of the Junior Cotillions of the winter to be given on Tuesday night at Sherry's. At the first, also led by Mrs. Phelps on December 6, the feminine dancers included the season's debutantes. The girls who have been going about for a longer period and also young married couples will be in evidence at the next dance. Mrs. Arthur Murray Dodge, who manages the Junior Cotillions, will receive with other patronesses. The list of these includes Mrs. Edward D. Adams, Mrs. Gorham Bacon, Mrs. Waldron P. Brown, Mrs. Stephen Jones, Mrs. Winthrop Burr, Mrs. Frederick T. Busk, Mrs. William Allen Butler, Mrs. E. Livingston Burrill, Mrs. Henry E. Coe, Mrs. George H. Clements, Mrs. James C. Cigarette, Mrs. Walter Danforth, Mrs. Newbold Edgar, Mrs. William S. Edgar, Mrs. Robert Endicott, Mrs. E. Hayward Ferry, Mrs. Daniel C. French, Mrs. James A. Glaser, Mrs. E. Renshaw Jones, Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Mrs. Jean Grenville Kane, Mrs. John L. Kane, Mrs. H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, Mrs. Rudolph H. Kissel, Mrs. Woodbury Langdon, Mrs. A. M. Main, Mrs. John S. Melcher, Mrs. Francis W. Murray, Mrs. Thomas Newbold, Mrs. William Church Osborn, Mrs. George W. Perkins, Mrs. Winslow Pierce, Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. Thomas T. Sherman, Mrs. E. Duth Smith, Mrs. Monroe Smith, Mrs. W. Merle Smith, Mrs. Charles E. Tiffany, Mrs. Rache McIndoe, Mrs. Frank S. Withersbee and Miss Ada Phipps.

The date of the wedding of Miss Gertrude Casabeer and Remsen Taylor Williams has been fixed for Saturday, January 21, in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Madison avenue and Thirty-fifth street. The Rev. Dr. William Mercer Grosvenor, the rector, will perform the ceremony and the bride will be given in marriage by her father, Henry A. Casabeer. Mr. and Mrs. Casabeer will give a breakfast afterward at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The marriage of Miss Helen Rockwell and Francis Mulliken Adams will take place on next Saturday, January 7, at St. Stephen's Church, Broadway and Sixty-ninth street. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Joel Lawrence Rockwell of Ridgefield, Conn., now at 7 West Sixty-third street, and a niece of ex-Gov. Phineas C. Lothrop of New York. The bridegroom is a son of the late Dr. Daniel Adams of Boston and is the international treasurer of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wray Cleveland of 131 East Sixty-fourth street will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary by giving a reception to-morrow night. Mrs. Joseph F. Stillman of 35 East Thirtieth street will give a dinner dance to-morrow night for Miss Aileen Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Church Osborn. Mrs. Stillman will also give a big dinner before the second of the Cotillions on Thursday night, January 26, and a theatre and supper party later. Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt of 11 Lexington avenue will give a party on Tuesday night. Mrs. John R. Drexel will give a dance at her home, 1 East Sixty-second street, on next Wednesday night.

The second dancing reception this far of the season will be given to-morrow afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock by Mrs. H.

Ward Ford of 55 West Forty-eighth street. On next Tuesday, January 3, Mrs. Wendell C. Phillips of 40 West Forty-seventh street will give a tea for her daughter Miss Helen Irving Phillips. Mrs. Winslow S. Pierce of Bayville, L. I., will give a reception on next Wednesday afternoon in the ladies' annex of the Metropolitan Club, when she will introduce her daughter, Miss Allison D. Pierce.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Seward Webb have had staying with them for the holidays at their country place in Shelburne, Vt., their son and daughter-in-law, J. Watson Webb and Mrs. Webb, their sons and son-in-law, W. Seward Webb, Jr., Vanderbilt Webb, Ralph Pulitzer, Dr. Webb's brothers, Major G. Creighton Webb and J. Louis Webb.

Miss Clara Baumgarten, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Baumgarten and Paul L. Reinhardt of Chicago, will be married on next Saturday afternoon in the West End Collegiate Church, West End avenue and Seventy-seventh street. The Rev. Dr. Henry Everett Cobb, the rector, will perform the ceremony at 4 o'clock and the bride will be attended by Mrs. Harry S. Green and Miss Margaret Deane as matron and maid of honor. Marion Dickhaut will be the flower maiden and the Misses May Powell, May Holden and Ella Lewis will be bridesmaids. Robert Baumgarten will assist the bridegroom as best man and there will be several ushers. Afterward there will be a reception given at the Hotel Gotham.

Invitations which have been issued for the wedding of Miss Rosetta Janet Reilly and Lieut. Albert Clift Norman of the Engineer Corps, United States Revenue Cutter Service, to take place next Saturday, January 7, have been recalled. The wedding will take place that day as arranged at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. James Reilly, 12 Manhattan square, but owing to the latter's illness there will be only the relatives of the couple present. The Rev. Father McIlroy, rector of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Broadway and Seventy-first street, will perform the ceremony at 3 o'clock. Charles Norman of Louisville, Ky., will assist the bridegroom as best man. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late James Reilly, who was for many years associated with maritime affairs here. Lieut. Norman is a son of Dr. George Wesley Norman of Henderson, Ky., a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a member of the Sons of Colonial Wars.

Numerous cards are out here for the ball to be given by Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter at her residence in Washington on Tuesday night. Mrs. Leiter's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell, have come over from England and are with her. In the ballroom in her establishment is a large portrait of her elder daughter, the late Lady Curzon, who was Miss Mary Leiter, painted soon after her marriage.

The second of the series of Saturday evening dances for this season will be given on January 7 at Delmonico's when some of the patronesses, Mrs. Charles R. Huntington, Mrs. Sackett M. Barclay, Mrs. James A. Glover, Mrs. John Clarkson Jay, Mrs. F. Livingston P. L., Mrs. Charles Edward Sands, Mrs. L. Jacquelin Smith, Mrs. C. Goodridge Wyeth, will receive. The cotillon will be danced before the supper as usual at those parties and the dancing will not be resumed afterward.

Mrs. Robert R. Livingston gave one of her series of dinners for her daughter, Miss Laura Suffern Livingston, last Tuesday night. Mrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen of 15 West Forty-seventh street gave one of the handsome dinners of that night. Mrs. De Lancey Nicoll of 23 East Thirtieth street gave a dinner for her daughter, Miss Josephine Nicoll. Mrs. Oakleigh Thorne's dinner on Thursday night was for Miss Margaret Thorne at her home, 299 Madison avenue; she will not be introduced by a couple of seasons yet. Mrs. P. Cooper Hewitt gave a dinner on Thursday and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rutherford of Riverside Drive gave one of the dinners of Thursday evening for their pieces, the Misses Caroline Weir and Dorothy Weir.

Tickets for the costume ball for the benefit of the Lying-In Hospital of New York, to be given at Sherry's on Friday night, may be had from Mrs. Austin Gray, 13 East Fifth street, and Mrs. Arthur Iselin, 125 East Sixty-ninth street. At midnight a table d'hôte supper will be served in the restaurant. The committee which has the ball in charge includes Mrs. Arthur S. Burden, Mrs. W. Goadby Low, Mrs. French Vanderbilt, Mrs. W. Earl Dodge, Mrs. E. Roscoe Matthews, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Norman D. R., Mrs. John R. Drexel, Mrs. Joseph Earle Stevens, Mrs. Payne Whitte, Mrs. W. De Lancey Kountze, and the Misses Sybil Douglas and Dorothy Whitney. There is a long list of patronesses.

On Tuesday, January 10, the wedding of Miss Ruth L. Higgins and Charles Edmund Van Vleck, Jr., will take place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. George L. Higgins, 118 West Fifty-seventh street. Dr. Almon Gunnis will perform the ceremony at 8 o'clock in the evening and the bride will wear a costume of white satin with lace, tulle and orange blossoms. She will be attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nathaniel Higgins, as matron of honor. There will be no bridesmaids or ushers. Horace Van Vleck will assist his brother best man. A supper will follow the ceremony.

The second of the four cotillions will be given next Wednesday night at Delmonico's. There will be general dancing until midnight, when supper will be served. The cotillon, during which many pretty favors will be given out, will be danced afterward. As at the first dance, the floral decorations will be profuse and effective.

The wedding of Miss Alice Conyngham and J. Frank Turner will take place at the home of the bride's brother, Herbert Conyngham, in Wilkesbarre, Pa., next Saturday, January 7. Another out of town marriage on that day will be that of Miss Elizabeth Shedd and William Clifton Lawton of Philadelphia, to be performed at 8 o'clock in the evening at St. Margaret's.

Church, Washington. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Shedd, who will give a reception and supper afterward.

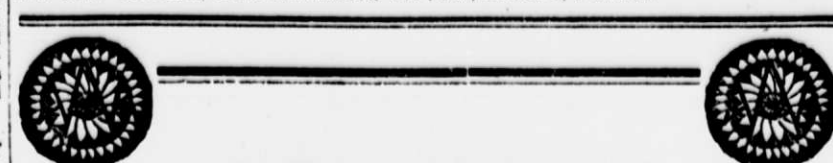
Mrs. Frederic Courtland Penfield's customary yearly musicale is announced to be held at her residence, 787 Fifth avenue, on Tuesday, January 17. The artists taking part are to be Miss. Rembrich and several of the leading members of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Gen. James Brattle Burbank, U. S. A., and Mrs. Burbank, have announced the

engagement of their daughter Marion to Ellis Knowles of Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Knowles is the son of William H. Knowles and is a graduate of Yale University.

Taft to Attend Southern Commercial Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Taft and two of his Cabinet Secretaries, Dickinson and Wilson, have accepted invitations to attend the meeting of the Southern Commercial Congress to be held in Atlanta, Ga., March 8, 9 and 10.



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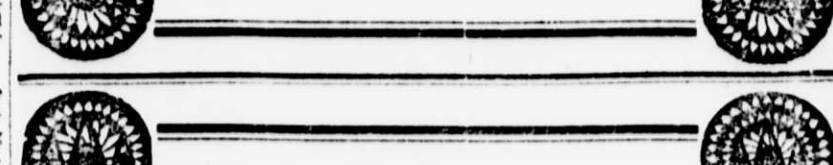
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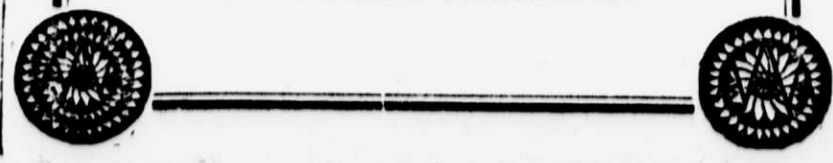
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